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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 109

24 July 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kial	Army
Lt. Col. Ewing	Army
*Mr. Minogue	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)

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\*Working level specialist

2. The Army member read a memorandum prepared by Mr. Minogue, Chapter II Coordinator, relative to the scope and treatment of Section 25 (Urban Areas), specifically as they relate to "plans" of Key Strategic Cities. These plans are prepared by the Engineer Strategic Intelligence Division, Army Map Service. At the present time, ESID prepares "sketch plans" as overlays for available aerial mosaics. The purpose of sketch plans is to emphasize the salient aspects of Key Strategic Cities. When there are no aerial mosaics, ESID prepares only the sketch plan. It is the opinion of the Chapter II Coordinator and D/B Editors that the type of sketch plan prepared by ESID does not by itself present a sufficient city pattern for overall planning purposes. Moreover, under the present system, there is a marked disparity between Key Strategic City plans, depending on whether or not aerial mosaics are available. This situation could be improved either by developing plans on all Key Strategic Cities equivalent in treatment to a sketch plan overlay with an aerial mosaic, or by producing Supplements IV wherein would be developed the supporting detailed plans. In conclusion, the NIS Committee was asked to set forth its views on what constitutes adequate fulfillment of NIS requirements for Sections 25.

After considerable discussion the Chairman summarized the views of the Committee as follows:

a. While the production of Supplements IV would adequately fulfill all NIS requirements on Urban Areas, this is beyond the present capabilities of the Department of the Army. However, the necessity for developing the detailed  
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requirements for other than Key Strategic Cities is not sufficiently urgent to warrant the assignment of capabilities which can more profitably be used in fulfilling other more pressing requirements.

b. There is, however, a continuing need for comprehensive plans of Key Strategic Cities which, for any given NIS Area, are relatively few in number. These plans do not need to be unusually detailed, but they should portray the general city pattern and adequately emphasize the salient characteristics of military significance. In general terms, this requirement is equivalent to a "sketch plan" overlay on an aerial mosaic, as is now the practice where aerial mosaics are available. The "sketch plan" alone, however, does not satisfy NIS requirements for Key Strategic Cities.

c. Since the Engineer Strategic Intelligence Division, AMS, has already determined its capabilities for meeting the FY 1952 Production Schedule on the basis of furnishing only a "sketch plan" for those Key Strategic Urban Areas for which there are no available aerial mosaics, the additional requirement as set forth above need not immediately be realized. However, the ESID should develop capabilities to this end at the earliest practicable time. In this respect, the Air Force member will explore the possibility of getting further support for ESID in terms of data and city plans from the Strategic Air Target program being developed by the Target Division, Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

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25X1X7 3. The Chairman reported that [redacted] had requested favorable consideration by CIA of widening the present "area of interest" on which intelligent materials are being released [redacted] In this respect, [redacted] is desirous of obtaining NIS on the USSR, the Satellite countries, and the Middle East, in implementing [redacted] potential military responsibilities in these areas.

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CIA has approved the release of CIA-produced intelligence through "Secret" providing the publications are screened by originating office or OCD for protection of intelligence sources and methods, [redacted]

The Chairman requested the members to determine the views of their respective agencies relative to the release of their Agencies' intelligence contained in these NIS. This report is to be made at the next meeting to be held on 31 July. At the request of the members, the chairman agreed to formalize this request by memorandum to the members.

4. The State member requested clarification respecting the degree of self-sufficiency required in NIS Sections under the following alternatives:

"If it is assumed that the user of each NIS Section will not have at hand the other Sections of the NIS Chapter involved or of other closely related Chapters, then it would seem necessary to include in each Section a considerable amount of background and other information that has already been presented in other related

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Sections. If it is assumed, on the other hand, that most of the published Sections will normally be available to the user of an individual Section, then considerable duplication of intelligence data can be avoided through the judicious use of cross references from one Section to another."

The Chairman stated that the latter assumption was the correct one, and that the Outline Guides provide for suitable cross-referencing of related materials appearing in other Sections, Chapters, and Supplements. The complex inter-relationships of material throughout the NIS make it necessary for the user to refer frequently to other Sections in order to obtain a well rounded understanding.

5. In reference to making available NIS on the USSR and Satellite countries to the international staff of SHAPE (see paragraph 12 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 107), the Chairman reported that the matter had been considered by the Intelligence Advisory Committee at its meeting of 19 July 1951. However, he was not informed as to the nature of the decision reached by the IAC.

6. The Army member requested that each member notify the Chapter II Coordinator of their representatives who would attend forthcoming meetings on selecting Key Strategic Cities for NIS 13 and NIS 42. Members should also indicate their agencies' views on the selected list of Key Strategic Cities for NIS 22 and 23 by 25 July.

7. The Committee approved the following contributors' statement for Section 22:

"This Section was prepared for the NIS under the general supervision of the Office of Naval Intelligence. Landing beach material was prepared by the Office of the Chief of Engineers and nearshore oceanography by the U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office."

8. The Army member said one of the Army analysts had noted discrepancies between the editorial instructions prepared by State for the guidance of its contributors and those contained in the NIS Standard Instructions. The State member indicated that if such were the case, State would modify its instructions accordingly. The Army and State members agreed to investigate this matter on the working level.

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9. Relative to the production of [REDACTED] the Army member read a recent report received from Brigadier General Ennis, AG/S, G-2, FECOM, outlining the progress of the Hall Plan and setting forth the 25X6A situation respecting the preparations of Chapter II (Military Geography) [REDACTED]

The Army member said he had recommended fiscal support for the US Geographers who were needed by the Geographic Section, G-2, FECOM to write the Chapter II Sections.

The Navy member reported that the necessary Navy support in preparing the Coast and Landing Beach Section could be furnished in ONI upon receipt of the

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first draft [REDACTED] The Chairman pointed out <sup>25X6A</sup> that this support should be available in the course of preparing the Section [REDACTED] but would not be needed until the field surveys were completed.

The Navy member considered that the preparation of the "Ports and Naval Facilities" section could be done in Washington. Approximately 80% of the basic data was available here and ONI had requested ComNavFE to supply the remaining data. ONI has sufficient data in its files already to prepare the "Merchant Marine" section, which <sup>will</sup> be done in Washington.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 31 July 1951.

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